

Board of Youth Services
Minutes
January 10, 2018, 7:00 pm
Whittemore Robbins House

Present: Joan Axelrod, Justine Bloch, Kristen Barnicle, Mary DeCoursey, Roblyn Brigham, Colleen Leger, Lori Pescatore, Linda Suzuki, Hannah Simon

Director's Report: (Colleen and Linda)

- Melissa Boyd hired as psychologist. Started three weeks ago. Still working out schedule.
- Looked over statistics from Presenting Concerns survey responses by clinicians for 209 clients re demographics and diagnoses etc. Agreed teaching sensitivity to diverse groups and increasing diversity on our board would be useful.
- Cummings Foundation ten year grant: there will be a second site visit
- Space for sessions is a problem especially during certain after school hours.
 - Explore possible space at schools
 - Explore option of speeding up renovation on cottage by offering to contribute via BYS fundraising.

Status Updates and Planning

- BYS Open Positions: 6 candidates for 2 positions. Should be in place in about six weeks.
- Spring Fundraising/Outreach:
 - Cause & Event Race: Participate though Mother's Day. Recruit team members for awareness but leave fundraising to board members. Mental Health Awareness Month so tie in other possible events to race. Mary will research memorializing event perhaps in honor of people who died due to mental illness or substance abuse.
 - Increase our Facebook presence: Submit articles or items of interest to Colleen to post on our page. Board members need to share these posts to increase number of people who see them. Board members responsible for each month:
 - January: Mary
 - February: Justine
 - March: Joan
 - April: Hannah
- Invite new psychologist and also Sara Byrd to upcoming meetings.
- Gala: discussion about guest presenter/honoree

Parent Forums: (Carlene/via Roblyn)

- Smoking Hypnosis, Robbins Library, 1/29
- A Venn Diagram for School Success, OMS, 21
- Community Discussion about Youth Marijuana Use Prevention Program, sponsored by AYHSC, Town Hall, 3/7

Upcoming BYS Meeting Dates:*

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

*Meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month unless there is a known conflict (i.e., Feb)